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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Compositions and Methods for Treating Epithelial and Retinal Tissue Diseases, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on February 27, 2002;
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Yes No

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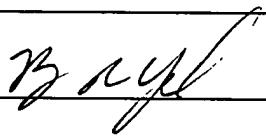
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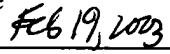
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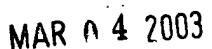


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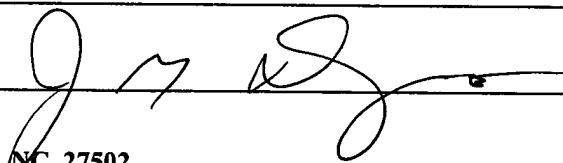
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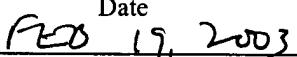

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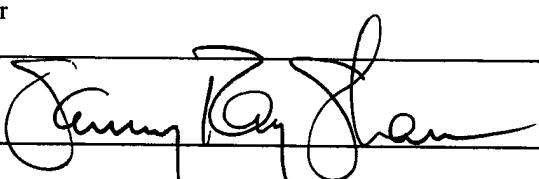
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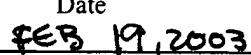
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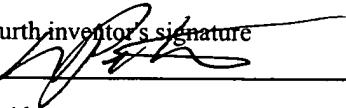
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